(b) if so, the reasons for the decision taken by the World Bank;

(c) whether Government proposes to fiscally support this drug safety programme in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Pharmacovigilance Programme was funded by World Bank assisted Capacity Building Project and the tenure of the project is over.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The programme may be continued with appropriate funding through domestic annual budgetary exercise.

(e) Does not arise.

Homosexuality and moral values

1343.DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is reconsidering its stand on homosexuality or gay sex; and

(b) if so, what is the logic behind it in the changing times affecting the moral values?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) This matter is pending with the High Court of Delhi.

Medical care of senior citizens

1344.SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior citizens living in the country as on date; State-wise;

(b) whether medical facilities being provided to them are not conforming to those of other countries;

(c) if so, the reasons for shortage of such facilities;

(d) whether any plan has been initiated or proposed to provide medical and health facilities to senior citizens during last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The number of elderly citizens living in the country as per census 2001 is given in the Statement. While in most of the western and developed countries elderly citizens are normally covered under various insurance schemes, in India, the facilities to the aged persons are

available in all Government Hospitals and health centres along with the general health care delivery system. In some of the Government Hospitals and dispensaries Geriatric Clinics are being conducted to provide comprehensive services to elderly citizens at one place. As part of welfare activities for the elderly people, National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly is planned for launch during 11th Five Year Plan.

Statement

Statewise Population (60+) in all States \UTs - Census 2001

S.No.	States	Population 60+		
		Total	Male	Female
1	2	3	4	5
1	Jammu and Kashmir	675,324	365,827	309,497
2	Himachal Pradesh	547,564	270,846	276,718
3	Punjab	2193693	1111691	1080002
4	Chandigarh	44912	23744	21168
5	Uttaranchal	654356	326715	327641
6	Haryana	1584089	795383	788706
7	Delhi	719650	366466	353184
8	Rajasthan	3810272	1828925	1981347
9	Uttar Pradesh	11649468	6174894	5474574
10	Bihar	5501274	2922005	2579269
11	Sikkim	29040	16391	12649
12	Arunachal Pradesh	49916	26417	23499
13	Nagaland	90323	50736	39587
14	Manipur	145470	73233	72237
15	Mizoram	49023	24800	24223
16	Tripura	232549	112656	119893
17	Meghalaya	105726	54016	51710
18	Assam	1560366	800585	759781
19	West Bengal	5700099	2784491	2915608
20	Jharkhand	1578662	787234	791428
21	Orissa	3039100	1502730	1536370
22	Chhattisgarh	1504383	689685	814698

1	2	3	4	5
23	Madhya Pradesh	4,280,924	2,091,793	2,189,131
24	Gujarat	3,499,063	1,628,474	1,870,589
25	Daman and Diu	8042	3322	4720
26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	8814	3882	4932
27	Maharashtra	8454660	3932201	4522459
28	Andhra Pradesh	5788078	2757588	3030490
29	Karnataka	4062022	1923730	2138292
30	Goa	112273	49676	62597
31	Lakshadweep	3729	1884	1845
32	Kerala	3335675	1484212	1851463
33	Tamil Nadu	5507400	2735800	2771600
34	Pondicherry	81016	36461	44555
35	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	17366	9834	7532
	TOTAL	76,622,321	37,768,327	38,853,994

Amendment of Organ Transplantation Act

1345.DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been actively considering stringent amendments to the Organ Transplantation Act;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether illegal organ trade is still thriving in many parts of the country and the Organ Transplantation Act has completely failed to check such trade; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such illegal organ trade in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Honorable High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 813/2004 *vide* its order dated 06.09.2004 had set up a Committee to examine the provisions of Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 and the Transplantation of Human Organs Rules, 1995. The report was submitted on 25.05.2005. A National Consultation was held on 18.05.2007 and the report was submitted in the second fortnight of August 2007. The recommended changes required amendments in the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 (THOA) and the Rules framed thereunder. The amended Rules have been notified *vide* Gazetted Notification No. G.S.R.571(E) dated 04.08.08.